

TABLE II-2: Visitor Experience/Resource Protection Typical for Each Management Zone (1)

| <i>Description</i> | 1. Wilderness Zones | | | | 2. Diverse Visitor Experiences Zones | | | | 3. Developed Zones | | |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | 1A Untrailed | 1B Trailed Travel | 1C Heavy Use Trail | 1D Designated Overnight | 2A (2) Open Space | 2B Discovery | 2C Day Use | 2D Attraction | 3A Camping | 3B Visitor Base/ Lodging | 3C Park Operations/ Administration |
| Tolerance for resource degradation | very low | very low | low | low | very low | low | moderate | moderate | moderate | high | high |
| Challenge and adventure of experience | high | high | moderate | moderate | moderate | moderate | low | low | low | very low | very low |
| Encounter expectations | very low | low | moderate | moderate | low | moderate | high | very high | high | high | high |
| Opportunity for solitude | very high | high | moderate | moderate | high | moderate | low | very low | low | low | low |
| Opportunity to experience pristine nature | very high | very high | moderate | moderate | high | moderate | low | low | low | low | low |
| Opportunity for group activity | low | low | low | moderate | low | low | high | high | high | high | high |
| Ease of access | very low | low | moderate | moderate | low | moderate | high | high | moderate | high | high |
| Acceptability of motorized travel | none | none | none | none | low | moderate | high | high | moderate | high | high |
| Level of on-site interpretation | indiv./ self-guided | indiv./ self-guided | indiv./ self-guided | indiv./ self-guided; guided/ program | indiv./ self-guided | indiv./ self-guided | indiv./ self-guided | indiv./ self-guided; guided/ program | indiv./ self-guided; guided/ program | indiv./ self-guided; guided/ program | indiv./ self-guided |

Notes:

(1) This table summarizes the typical visitor experiences and resource protection characteristics of each management zone. It is intended to highlight the distinctions between the zones.

(2) Several non-wilderness areas in the Merced River corridor (on the south side of the river in the Merced River gorge on the main stem and below Wawona on the South Fork) share the characteristics of the 1A: Untrailed wilderness zones (free of trails, roads or other facilities). They are zoned as Undeveloped Open Space (2A+) to indicate that they should be managed as defacto wilderness with similar prescriptions as 1A: Untrailed (no roads, trails, or other facilities would be developed).